

Maryland State Board of Victim Services Meeting
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Steve Kelly, Esq., Chair
Barbara Bond, Vice-Chair
Anne Bean
Anne Colt Leites, Esq.
Barbara Darley for V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed
Lou Gieszl
Theresa Hiegel
Sheriff Gary Hofmann
Molly Knipe
LaJoy Preston
Joe Riley, Esq.
Jill Ritter
Alonzo Robertson, Esq.
Lisa Smith, Esq.
Lisa Spicknall
Patricia Stevens for Secretary Robert Green
Jeanne Yeager

Guests:

Stephanie Erdice, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Jeffrey Gray
Ellie Jones, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center
Lisae Jordan, Esq., Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Tony Korol-Evans, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Steven Kroll, Esq., Maryland State's Attorneys' Association
Chris Quasebarth, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center
Arianna Sessoms, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Kurt Wolfgang, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention Youth, and Victim Services Staff:

Rebecca Allyn
Heather Amador
David Blum
Erica Hiner
Justice Schisler

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Ms. Allyn conducted a roll call and guests introduced themselves.

II. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the July 2020 Board meeting minutes and the Governor's Family Violence Council updates. Ms. Bond made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.

III. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Grant Updates

Ms. Allyn informed members and guests that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant and the Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC) grant have been fully awarded. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Title II Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Formula Grant (JJAC), and Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) are in process of being awarded. The grantees have been notified of their award amount. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) and the Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act Regional Navigator Program (RNPG) applications are under review.

As a reminder, there is a new requirement for grantees to submit the [Subrecipient Organizational Capacity Questionnaire](#). Performance measurement tool (PMT) reporting for BJAG and VOCA were due on 10/15/20. Programmatic reporting (performance measures and progress reports) for all subrecipients were due on 10/15/20 and fiscal reports are due on 10/30/20.

IV. Collaborative Efforts During COVID-19

Through the VOCA Technology grant, the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault are providing collaborative training resources for Maryland. The collaboration has been enhanced due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the programs have been able to increase access to improved and ongoing training and technical assistance, and quickly adapted training to be virtual. The collaborative has developed an [online training library](#) regarding sexual assault.

V. Victim Witness Relocation

Mr. Kroll informed members that the Victim Witness Relocation Fund is composed of court fines and fees, and due to COVID-19, there are fewer arrests and cases, therefore fewer fines collected to support the Fund. There is an expectation that when cases resume to normal levels, the funds will also be used at a higher rate, and exhausted quicker. Mr. Kroll shared a concern that victims and witnesses do not want to be relocated during the pandemic. Mr. Kroll asked members to look at jurisdictions that aren't using the funding, and work with those jurisdictions to increase victim and witness safety.

VI. Strategic Plan Discussion

Following the meeting, Ms. Allyn will provide members with a status update of the 2018 Board Strategic Plan to include which tasks/goals have been accomplished, in progress, or to be addressed, in order to determine if the Board should revisit the priorities or focus on new priorities.

VII. Old/New Business

Mr. Robertson shared that the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center's Ceremony of Remembrance will be held on November 14. Ms. Allyn will share the flyer with members following the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Bond made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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